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■ ENERGY

Slow down wind farms: resident

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Andrew Watts wants the township to join 60 other Ontario municipalities in calling for a moratorium on wind farm developments.

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■ EDUCATION: Ministry approves new major program

Port High specializing in arts and culture

DAVE JOHNSON
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — With performances by a percussionist, dancers and singers, Port Colborne High School students showcased exactly why their school was chosen for the new arts and culture specialist high skills major program last week.

Teacher Dawn Mayne said the arts community of Port Colborne, invited to a reception for the launch of the program, was a big part of the school being able to get the program.

"There is a vibrant arts community that is very supportive," said Mayne.

She said the arts community mentors students and allows them to get real life experience. Students from Port High have been able to take part in Port Colborne

Operatic Society productions and perform at the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts.

Principal Nigel Evans said there were numerous community partners that offered to help the school through partnerships and collaborations in the development and delivery of the program. Some of those partners include local photographers Precious LaPlante and Charity Swords, Sarge Studios, Capital M Productions, Mark Ricker Gallery and Studio, Niagara College and the Brock University Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts.

Evans said Port High applied to District School Board of Niagara for the program, which then forwarded its application to the Ministry of Education.

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Staff Photo
Percussionist Patrick Guenette performs during the launch of the arts and culture high skills major at Port High.

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■ WIND FARMS

Fox Island is the test case

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Watts appeared before aldermen last week and told of a community on the U.S. East Coast that initially welcomed a wind farm in its area, as an environmentally-friendly way to get energy.

Watts said the people on Fox Island soon came to realize the benefits of the three wind turbines installed were not what they thought they'd be.

He said the people found the noise of the turbines to be extremely high and even petitioned the company operating them to shut them down overnight so people could sleep.

"I'd ask council to do their due diligence and independent research to see the benefits, if any, or harm caused by wind turbines before they embrace plans for one here," said Watts.

He said 60 municipalities in Ontario have asked for a provincial moratorium until it's proven the wind turbines and farms have no adverse affect on people and the environment.

"I ask council to demand the province have a moratorium until an independent investigation has taken place."

Watts said European governments have shown there's been no reduction in carbon emissions, no reduction in energy use, no reduction in the use of fossil fuels or nuclear power and no reduction in what consumers pay.

"There's no practical method of saving the energy, it's either used or lost."

Watts said wind farms have environmental and

human costs and are an environmental disaster in the making that can be prevented.

Mayor Barb Henderson thanked Watts for his presentation and said he raised some compelling concerns.

"With the Green Energy Act, control has been taken out of our hands," she said.

The mayor asked if Watts had taken his concerns to the province.

Watts said those governments that have responded to him have said he should take his concerns to the local or regional level.

"Someone has to act, you have to say no and must try and protect this community," Watts said.

"These things don't work," Henderson said before council could make a decision on calling for a moratorium it needed to hear both sides of the story.

She said council will invite the proponents of a wind farm for Wainfleet — Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. — to hear what they have to say.

In early April, the Ontario Power awarded a contract to Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. for a renewable energy project under the Feed-in Tariff program — a program under the Green Energy and Green Economy Act.

Council had no prior knowledge of the project.

Watts welcomed the mayor's suggestion and asked the proponents bring all the facts and figures about wind energy and the project.

No date was set when the proponents would be before council.

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■ SKILLS



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Dancers perform *Angels of the Moon* during the launch of Port Colborne High School's arts and culture specialist high skills major program.

Program supports vibrant arts community

FROM PAGE A1

"The ministry looks at whether the school meets the criteria set out for the program," said Evans, adding Port High already has specialist high-skills programs in manufacturing and transportation.

Under the new program, students will take four arts and culture credit courses in such

areas as dance, drama, music, visual arts, music and interpretative technology. Evans said interpretative technology would be the use of computers in the arts for doing things like slideshows and multimedia presentations.

At the launch of the program, Port High's music group Frequency performed, as did soloist Sarah Bolton. Also performing was percussionist Patrick Guenette and dancer Katelyn Landers, who prepared her own version of *I Just Can't Do It Alone* from the musical *Chicago*.

Angels of the Moon, choreographed by Rachel Macpherson, was a dance piece developed in teacher Amy Converse's class.

Macpherson, was a dance piece developed in teacher Amy Converse's class. Macpherson and fellow students Landers, Michelle Gecan, Katelyn Jordan and

Danielle Hillborn performed the piece which was an interpretation of Edward Munch's famous painting *The Scream*.

The school even showed the use of interpretative technology with a computer on Clarence St. broadcasting a live feed of students painting old coal hatches back to the high school lobby.

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■ PORT HIGH

New program puts the focus on the arts



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Dancer Katelyn Landers performs during the launch of Port High's new arts and culture specialist high skills major program.



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Port Colborne High School's vocal group Frequency performs in the lobby of the high school as it launched its new arts and culture specialist high skills major program.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
Port Colborne High School teacher Dawn Maybe checks a computer link in the lobby of the high school as it launched its new arts and culture specialist high skills major program.

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■ ourview

Want to buy a lighthouse?

The government of Canada has declared the lighthouse and two beacons on the breakwall off Port Colborne as surplus.

And they're not the only ones now up for sale. Close to 1,000 others across the country were put up for sale under the new Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act. The act says any of the lighthouses can be transferred to new owners such as cities or community groups, though it's not clear what will happen to lighthouses that don't attract new owners.

Mayor Vance Badaway said the city was never given notice the lighthouse and beacon were up sale, but it will now do its due diligence and see what its options are in relation to the lighthouse and beacons.

"We'll discuss the lighthouse and beacons and circulate information to all interested parties and come up with a plan of action."

While not wanting to lock the city into anything, Badaway said Port Colborne could be interested in purchasing the lighthouse and beacons on its own, or with private investors.

Whether the city ends up owning the structures, or a private investor does, there are various possibilities for the lighthouses and beacons.

The main lighthouse, built in 1903, could turned into a tourist attraction and used by those who like to watch ships pass through the Welland Canal. It'd be a great place to take in the fireworks on Canal Days and even opened up for tours on Canal Days, further linking in the city's marine heritage to the annual event.

It may even be possible for a private investor to turn the lighthouse, and beacon to the south, into a small bed and breakfast. Think what it would be like to wake up to amazing sunrises, or watch sunsets, across Lake Erie. Of course it might be too much for some during Lake Erie's famous storms, but that could even be an attraction unto itself.

Of course, a person would have to get used to the sound of thousands of gulls, both herring and ring-billed, that inhabit the breakwall. Those gulls could attract biologists, scientists and students who study them and the lighthouse would be a place for them to stay to do their studies.

It could even be turned into a small museum.

The possibilities are endless for the lighthouse and beacons and we encourage the city to do what it can to keep them in municipal hands or to find the right investor with the right idea.

Whatever happens, the mayor wants to ensure the lighthouse and beacons continue to operate in the best interests of the community.

We couldn't agree more with that statement.

■ readers'views

Not good governance

Recent reports in this newspaper have referred to public sector institutions taking any amount between 75 cents and over 90 cents in every tax dollar you, the Niagara region taxpayer, pays to support their ever increasing staffing requirement and the generous salaries, pensions and benefits they all receive.

These figures have never been refuted so one has to believe that they are accurate. Additionally, of course, these large proportions of your tax dollars are 'creamed off' the top to safeguard the bureaucrats entitlement before any is spent on welfare, medicine, education, public works or any capital projects.

Last week at a regional council meeting, and on the recommendations of the unelected regional staff, 19 councillors voted in favour of, and only eight against, a motion to approve doubling the amount the Region should borrow compared with last year in order to pay for capital projects going back as far as 2006.

So doing the fairly simple math, 19 of the 27 regional councillors presented voted to accept staff recommendations to borrow \$163 million to pay for ongoing projects they never bothered to produce any viable costing for. And the interest on the loan which you the taxpayer will pay! An additional \$40 million-plus. But no worries. It's all in the taxpayer's best interests.

But the math gets better. \$163 million added to \$40 million equals \$203 million. Don't forget, this is all your tax dollars,

none of which have appeared on your tax bill yet.

Being a generous sort, I will only use the 75 cents in the dollar figure, but the result is still staggering.

Your elected representatives, on the recommendations of their unelected staff, found absolutely no problem in approving a motion to give that same unelected staff an incredible \$150 million of your not yet collected tax dollars to ensure their safe jobs, salaries and benefits will be safeguarded.

Welcome to the world of the bureaucrat and public servant. There's no telling how many more can now look forward to joining the Sunshine Club in 2010 and for the next 30 years. Way to go guys.

But you can't altogether blame them. Our politicians have allowed this situation to arise.

We need to dump every current regional and municipal politician at these coming municipal elections. We need to vote for anyone who has the strength to say to the unelected bureaucracy 'No more.'

A more than \$300 million regional government debt is not good governance.

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

Can't ignore the majority

Ho-hum, same old stuff. Well seeing as it is an election year, a nine-store city model, eh? We'll be billed for new fire equipment next to reach the top three stores.

Come on Mayor Vance Badaway,

you've gotta do better than that. The original whatever center (it has changed its name so many times) had a projected hotel stock in the upper left hand corner of the drawing (it's all in the Port lighthouse's reference section) and nothing happened.

Nynor, the \$1.6 billion deal for the city, \$22 million in taxpayers squandered and nothing except the alienation of Shell, a local city business for decades.

This whatever center is so silly in the way it is playing out that some what may it will be remembered by the citizens about how to squander money, how to suppress advanced technology, and how it smacks of elitism at the expense of the taxing citizen.

Who is benefitting by all of this? Certainly not the taxing citizen who sees public revenues wasted in outlandish schemes.

It is not good enough Vance, for you to take the advice from consultants at large. They never seem to get it right. You are rapidly becoming yesterday's man, more of a black knight than a white knight, and unless you change your ways it is sure to be reflected in the upcoming elections.

The citizens of this city are quiet people, but they are certainly not docile and history has always been on the side of the people. Elites come and go, some even vanish. So it is in your interests to respond to the people's real concerns. After all 65% polled opposed the costs of the whatever center. You simply cannot ignore that.

John Mitchell
Port Colborne

■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

The ladder of divine ascent

DR. JACK NEIL
First Presbyterian Church

On the east wall of the refectory of the Abbey, England, is a tapestry hanging which depicts a ladder stretching from Earth to heaven.

It's commonly called Jacob's Ladder or the Ladder of Divine Ascent.

This ladder depicts the human journey from worldliness to the divine.

A number of monks seen on the rungs are perpetually making their ascent to the heavenly regions. On one side of the ladder angels cheer the monks along their way.

On the other side, little demons try and pull the monks downward toward the pits of hell. Enough to give one nightmares?

The wall hanging, like most medieval pictures, is trying to teach us something. What is the secret of ascent?

It is in neither looking to the left nor to the right but focusing one's eyes on God.

The challenges toward spiritual transformation are met when you and I maintain a strong focus on our goal of being like Christ.

Yes, it is difficult to fix our eyes upon God when living in a society that devalues religious traditions. Kathryn and I recently participated in a eucharistic worship service within St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The 30 or so who worshipped with us 'under the dome' were surrounded by 100 or more onlookers. We felt like goldfish in a bowl, being observed by mildly curious cats.

Maybe they wondered what we were doing? In our world it is difficult to find the ladder to God, let alone ascend it.

Having found our focus on God, what puts us off the ladder?

Perhaps our inner fear of being different.

Perhaps inhibited anxieties.

Perhaps our society's loss of traditions (civic and family and religious).

Maybe it's the fact of having too many choices in life which lead to a jangling of response and a feeling of elativity.

In Jesus Christ we are beckoned to the challenges of upward mobility on the ladder of life.

While ladder climbing may require much energy, the effects of our effort are revolutionary in our understanding of God.

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■ COLUMN

Sherkston Shores: Tranquility and fun wrapped in one



George Duma
BY GEORGE

Been out to Sherkston Shores lately? Most local folks haven't.

And until a couple of Saturdays ago, when I went out to do an assignment for The Tribune, neither had I.

If you haven't been in a while, go. It's astonishing.

Sherkston has long been a small city within a city. Many in Port rest in as the silent giant neighbour. We know it's there but few of us ever venture to go take a closer look. Many look at it as being for people who come from afar.

The nice folks who run Sherkston are trying to change that.

John O'Brien, Sherkston's general manager, is a familiar face around town. It's not by accident.

"We needed to build relationships," he explains.

Sherkston Shores is owned and

operated by United Kingdom-based Bourne Leisure, an outstanding outfit. In fact, in 2008, Bourne Leisure was in the top 20 of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, a list that was put together in the UK by The Sunday Times newspaper.

And it shows.

Spend any amount of time at the resort and it becomes apparent very quickly that the employees are genuinely happy to be working there. And what's not to be happy about?

It's an amazingly beautiful property run by a company that obviously knows what it's doing. Bourne was established in the 1960s and the company currently owns more than 35 properties world-wide.

John came here five years ago from one of the company's resorts in France and he currently lives in Welland.

Starting as the sales manager when he arrived, John assumed the big chair three years ago.

Soon after, he involved himself in the community, establishing relationships with Mayor Vance Radwayer and Sandy Pilot, who

deals with community partnerships for the city and does it so well.

Sandy is incredible.

This year, John is vice-chair of the Flavours of Niagara International Food and Wine Festival.

And he has really stepped up to the plate to help with the festival's funding.

In fact, Sherkston's sponsorship has gone from \$15,000 in the past to \$20,000 this year. Nice, eh?

With Sherkston being all about families, it makes sense the organization is reaching into the community.

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John O'Brien, general manager at Sherkston Shores for the past three years, has forged a closer relationship with the Port Colborne community during his tenure.

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■ SHERKSTON

The relaxation at the resort is palpable, beaches are spectacular

FROM PAGE A5

The resort is currently promoting its "Dayscations," which are exactly what the sound like. It's an opportunity for local residents to go and spend the day there, using the facilities.

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The summer homes at Sherkston Shores are beautiful, like this lakeside retreat.

I really don't want to make this column an ad for Sherkston, but as I look about 45 minutes to drive around the various areas of the resort, it's just got more and more impressive.

The grounds are spotless. Cleanliness is obviously a top priority. And the atmosphere is one of calm relaxation. It's palpable. With 560 acres (sorry, I have never understood hectares)

and about four kilometres of sandy beachfront, there is no shortage of space.

The beaches are spectacular and on a warm, sunny Saturday morning, not crowded at all. All the summer home areas are beautiful, some more secluded than others

and owners take pride in their appearance. Many were out working on their gardens or visiting neighbours for morning coffee.

It's tranquil. Even though it's only a few kilometres from downtown Port Colborne, the feeling is one of being a world away, driving through the twisting, winding roadways.

I particularly liked the Quarry Meadows Community. This area, on the other side of the quarry from the main entrance, was launched in 2007 and is off the beaten path. It's also next door to the resort's nine-hole pitch 'n putt golf course.

Sherkston Shores is simply a winning combination of both tranquility and intrigues. It's hardly surprising that Cherie Moskalys is the resort's human resources manager and team leader. She has been in the City Hotel as she's

married to Marty. Cherie just has this subtle, gentle way about her that exudes quiet leadership, exactly what a resort like Sherkston would want in an individual holding that position.

So, go. Go and spend a day either with the family or with a group of friends. There is so much to see and do. Check out the website at www.sherkston.com for more information.

I'm the first to admit to taking for granted this incredible municipality within a municipality for far too long. I plan on correcting the oversight.

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■ wainfleetbriefs

LAND FOR CLINIC

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Mayor Barb Henderson said several developers approached her about a private-public partnership to allow the property to be used.

If the nurses are successful in their application, then there will be an open tender process to build the clinic. Anderson expressed concern over locking the land for the clinic because it has been slated for a possible future central fire hall.

Township chief administrative officer Scott Luey said the nurses have looked elsewhere, as did the township, but neither side found anything suitable.

Luey said a portable building could be set up on the Chambers Corners land and a qualifier could

be put on its use so the township wouldn't be locked in to what is placed on the land.

ROAD SPEED LOWERED

The speed limit on Morgans Point Rd. has been dropped once again.

Just two weeks ago, council lowered the limit on the road from 80 km/h to 60 km/h from Lakeshore Rd. to 2 St., where it then lowered to 40 km/h.

Now, the speed limit has been made 50 km/h for the whole 1.5-km stretch from Lakeshore to the lake.

The limit was dropped after a local resident told council 50 km/h would be a "happy medium."

COSTS FOR SEWERS, WATER STILL UNKNOWN

Seniors and people on fixed or low income won't be able to

afford to keep their homes if the water-sewer project proposed for Wainfleet goes through, a concerned citizen told aldermen last week.

Al Gibbs wanted to know if the projected costs of the project, which has been between \$50 million and \$84 million, were still correct.

"We don't know what the costs are, we won't have that information until next year," Mayor Barb Henderson replied.

She said when engineering drawings are done, Niagara Region and the township will have a better handle on figures.

Ald. Rudy Warkentin said council is very aware of the concerns.

"It's not the intent of this council to have a lakeshore full of vacant homes. We have a problem there (along the lakeshore) that needs to be addressed and solved."

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Sometimes the sunscreen aisle can be difficult to navigate. However, it is important to understand what you are buying. There were around 60,000 new cases of melanoma (an increase of 2.5% per year in the past decade) and around 8,000 deaths from melanoma in the U.S. in 2006.

SFP is often misunderstood. SFP applies only to UVB rays. SFP is a number that estimates how long a person can stay in the sun without an obvious sunburn. If a person would burn in 10 minutes with no protection, then an SFP of 15 will protect fifteen times longer or for 150 minutes, and SFP of 30 would protect thirty times longer or 300 minutes.

UVA protection is the other side of the story. UVA rays cause skin aging and skin cancer but not a visible sunburn. As of yet there is no rating for UVA protection. In order to get UVA protection you need to read the label. Look for sunscreens labeled broad-spectrum. Or, look for ingredients that are UVA blockers such as Mexoryl-SX, avobenzone, zinc oxide, or titanium.

Sometimes patients complain of sensitivity or rash from their sunscreens. These patients should look for a sunscreen blocker with either zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. It is the other ingredients in sunscreens which can cause the irritation.

Even if a product is listed as water resistant it still needs to be reapplied after swimming or heavy sweating. It may only be effective for up to 40 minutes in water.

Sunscreens need to be applied 20 minutes before exposure and reapplied every 2 hours. About one ounce is needed to cover the full body.

Don't buy sunscreen/bug repellent combo products. Sunscreen should be applied before insect repellent. Insect repellent doesn't need to be reapplied as frequently as sunscreen and applying them at the same time may increase the absorption of DEET.

UVA rays can increase a patient's sensitivity to certain medications and cause photosensitivity reactions. A broad-spectrum sunscreen will help protect against this, however it may be best to avoid too much sun exposure if you are taking any of the following classes of medications. These include: NSAIDs, certain antibiotics, anticonvulsants, antidepressants, diuretics, and oral contraceptives. If you're not sure and you are starting a new medication ask your pharmacist if there is any problem with sun exposure.

Tanning beds are not necessarily a safe way to tan either. Newer tanning devices expose a person to mostly UVA rays. Although UVA doesn't cause burning it can cause melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer. If you are concerned about your health and safety it is probably best to avoid them.

If you do get a sunburn it is best to apply cool compresses and a good moisturizer. If you put the lotion in the fridge it will have an added cooling effect. Avoid gels and ointments as they can hold the heat in and make your burn feel worse.

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■ DOGS

The spaniels of Group 1 (Part 1)

There are 11 Breeds of Spaniels in Group 1. Some like the American Cocker Spaniel, the English Cocker Spaniel and the English Springer Spaniel are popular family pets. The Brittany Spaniel is gaining in popularity because of its size, nice coat and pleasing appearance. While the American Water Spaniel, the Clumber Spaniel, the Field Spaniel, the Irish Water Spaniel,



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the French Spaniel, the Sussex Spaniel and the Welsh Spaniel most people have never heard of or have any idea what they look like. These rarer spaniels are scarcely seen except

occasionally at large dog shows.

The American Cocker Spaniel has been a very popular family pet for many years with it's bay day in the 1950s. Their small size (14") and their study body (22-28 lbs.) helps make them a nice house dog. Originally they were used for hunting woodcocks and became known as Cockers. They have been used for hunting for hundreds of years. They have a dense coat which is good for walks

in all types of weather. But this long thick coat is difficult to dry when wet and hard to groom. The grooming shop can help to tidy up their long hair on the face, ears and legs. The Cocker Spaniel is an adorable looking puppy but they can be stubborn to train, possessive of toys and other items, and resentful of being trained. They tend to be more suitable for an adult family.

The English Cocker Spaniel is a little slimmer in build and has longer legs. Their temperament is a little sweeter and willing to let the people in the family be the leaders. His coat is more

silly and less dense than the American Cocker Spaniel and more like his cousin the English Springer Spaniel. He is light on his feet, agile, and quick to learn.

The English Springer Spaniel got his name by his method of hunting. He delighted in rushing into thickets and startling the hiding birds. The birds would "spring" into the air to be trapped in the hunters' nets or be shot down by the hunters when guns became more popular for hunting birds.

Springers love to hunt and have great endurance and energy. Today this energy can be used for all sorts of dog

sports from obedience to agility competitions. Their medium size and striking black and white or reddish brown and white colour help to make them very popular as family pets. They are great with the family and especially with children. In recent years some lines of Springer Spaniels have been known to produce dogs that develop seizures. So research is needed before purchasing a Springer to make sure that you buy from a line that is seizure-free.

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■ **BEACH DAY:** Another example of neighbour worries

Wainfleet sets aside money for beach care

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Garbage, ashes and concerned residents are all that's left of a recent beach bash.

It's been two weeks since more than 2,500 youths skipped class for a day on Wainfleet's sandy shores, but reminders of the Beach Day celebration remain.

Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson called it "rather disturbing" that despite the township's efforts to prevent litter, Long Beach has been found strewn with garbage, particularly after a crowded day.

Henderson said she understands "being young and wanting to have a good time" but problems arise with such a large crowd taking over the beach, which is mainly private property.

The township only owns a 20-metre rock allowance on the Long Beach (St. Augustine) property, with the rest owned privately by cottagers. Littering is an ongoing issue along the beach properties every year; one area residents pay out of their pockets to resolve, she said.

Each year, members of the Long Beach Homeowners' Association dish money out to have the beach cleaned after the annual high school reunion and throughout the summer.

This is the third year the township has given the association a \$2,000 grant to hire a summer student to pick up garbage along the beach on a regular basis.

While the presence of Niagara Regional Police was meant to keep students safe, it also meant to protect surrounding private properties, the mayor said.

During their patrol, officers on ATVs observed smoke coming from the former Lakewood Easter Seals Camp that borders the beach. A building on the property was found engulfed in flames.

A 15-year-old Wainfleet male, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was arrested for the incident and charged with arson.

Wainfleet fire chief Chris Cole said there have been concerns raised by residents about the property and its lure to trespassers and vandals.

Property owner, Lakewood Beach Properties Inc., has

been quick to respond when contacted by authorities about possible entrances to the buildings, Cole said.

Wainfleet resident Lee Bott, whose property is surrounded by the camp, said vandalism is a "regular occurrence" at Lakewood. The buildings still contain equipment, such as hospital beds and wheelchairs, making them an enticing place to venture for youths.

Bott often sees people wandering the property, not only in the evenings, but often during the day, which has been a source of his concern and complaints to the township. Though the owners have boarded up the doors and windows on a number of occasions, entrances are often reopened and left ajar by trespassers, he said.

Bott said the act of vandalism could have been a "major disaster" had it been a drier month, such as August, when fire may not have been contained as easily. Had the fire spread, he believes her house and surrounding homes may have also caught fire.

Dan Basset, one of the principal owners of the property, said issues tend to flare up during the warmer months when the beach is busier. The area is regularly patrolled, he said, but it's difficult to constantly monitor the area's property.

"We just can't see all the time," he said.

The police have been given permission to charge people caught on the property with trespassing or any other Criminal Code violations, he said.

"When someone has intent to cause damage, how do you prevent it?"

Russell said the owners will be discussing new strategies on how to keep the property free from vandals in the future.

Lakewood Beach Properties Ltd. is working with its city plan development, that once complete will allow for demolition of the existing buildings to redevelop the property for a 35-cottage development, he said.

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■ **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARDS:** Lakeshore Catholic applauds achievement



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Lakeshore Catholic High School presented its athlete of the year awards Friday. From left are: Mackenzie Krancis, junior girls, Alex Fairgrieve, senior girls, Keaton Spratt, senior boys, and Thalia Ottaviano, senior girls. Absent was Josh Rosettani, junior boys.

Gators in the winners circle

QMI Agency

PORT COLBORNE — Two senior girls shared the female athlete of the year award as Lakeshore Catholic High School's top senior and junior athletes picked up their awards in two separate ceremonies Friday morning.

Thalia Ottaviano and Alex Fairgrieve both said winning the award was "awesome" and it was the third year in a row they've both won the award.

Ottaviano, who is graduating this year, played volleyball, badminton and rugby throughout her years at the high school.

While enjoying playing volleyball and badminton, Ottaviano really enjoyed playing rugby this year.

"It was great going to OPSAA this year, it was an awesome experience," she said of going to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships.

Lakeshore's girls rugby team didn't make it through to the OPSAA championship game. The Gators lost 32-0 to Sharke Central in a quarter-final game at the quad A championships which were played in Markham. Lakeshore finished

the 12-team tournament in sixth place.

Ottaviano likes playing rugby because "it's a team sport and everyone has to work together."

"It's like a family," she said, adding she may try for the rugby team at Queen's University in Kingston, which she'll be attending this September.

Fairgrieve, the other senior girls winner, plays golf, rugby, badminton, soccer and volleyball and takes part in cross-country and track.

"I like to stay active," she said.

Soccer is her favourite sport and the Grade 11 student, who plays for the St. Catharines Jets, hopes to continue playing when she goes to university.

"I like the intensity, the aggressiveness of soccer,"

Fairgrieve said winning the award was a great way to end the school year.

Keaton Spratt, the senior boys award winner, played football, badminton and soccer.

Pie's been playing football since Grade 9 at the school and likes the team aspect of the sport.

Whether he comes back or

heads to university next year, the running back said one of the highlights for him was scoring a touchdowns in front of a good-sized crowd during the Golden Horseshoe Bowl at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

While football is his sport, Spratt took up badminton and said it's probably his second favourite sport.

"I had really good coaches and learned a lot about it,"

Mackenzie Krancis, the junior girls winner, is the only athlete not involved in a team sport. She takes part in track and field, high jump and pole vault.

"I think I'm the only pole vaulter in the history of Lakeshore," said Krancis, who thought the sport was interesting.

The Grade 10 student also likes high jumping and said the two sports come naturally to her.

Krancis represented Lakeshore Catholic at the OPSAA track and field championships which were held earlier this month at the University of Western Ontario.

She finished seventh in the junior women's high jump and placed 10th in the junior women's pole vault.

■ **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARDS:** Football, track lauded at sports banquet

But market for Bears

BERND FRANKIE
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Sara Burger was busy volunteering at Port High's athletic awards banquet when she was announced as the winner of the Blue Bear Award — as the school's top volunteer in sports.

"She's always a team player, bringing slides onto three screens in the school cafeteria when she was summoned to the podium, received a prestigious honour that is given annually to the student athlete "who stands out as a contributor, on and off the field."

"It's usually a Grade 12 who gets it. For me to win this is quite an honour."

Burger, who went out for basketball and field and volleyball when she wasn't helping behind the scenes, said she will cherish receiving the Blue Bear Award more than getting a most valuable player citation because of the "all-around nature" of the award.

"This is more than an MVP; this for contributions on and off the court," added Burger, whose contributions to the June 10 banquet included compiling a slide show that recalled the year of sports at Port High.

Among the biggest highlights of the 2009-10 season was the Varsity 11 football championship won by a team quarterbacked by male athlete of the year Eric Phipper and a basketball team that included Stephen Toepp, Port High's top junior male athlete.

Chris, who moved to Port Colborne for his final four years of high school after beginning his secondary school studies in Brampton, called the title



BERND FRANKIE Staff Photo

From left, Stephen Toepp, junior male; Sara Wikston, senior female; Sarah Burger, Blue Bear Award; Sara Forbes, junior female; and Eric Phipper, senior male, were among the top winners of school awards last week at Port High's athletic awards banquet.

the biggest achievement of his high school career. He said it will be a "special memory I will always have."

"It's awesome to represent your school as football champions. That is something you can tell your kids," said Phipper, who also played basketball, hockey and golf during his 12th year.

He said sports helped him to quickly make friends and he first came to Port High from Brampton.

"It's a great way to meet people."

In September Phipper will begin majoring in the golf management program at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

As well as football, Toepp played basketball in his second year of high school. He also went on for track, specializing in discus which earned him a trip to the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Associations championship at the University of Western Ontario.

While Toepp enjoyed being part of a team and receiving encouragement from teammates — "You have to have a good attitude to play team sports" — he also didn't mind the solitary nature of discus.

"I like individual sports because you can't blame anyone else. It's all up to you."

Sara Wikston, Port High's senior female athlete of the year, talked about the social aspect of sports when she was asked why she went out for so many teams.

"Sports is a way to meet the whole school. You don't have to deal with cliques," said Wikston, who this year played soccer, volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee.

She also said playing sports made her feel "like a bigger part of the school."

Top junior female athlete Sara Forbes credited sports with teaching her how to develop leadership skills so she can help teammates hone their skills.

"I like being able to see people happy by helping them."

She found that her coaches were second to none in being teachers as well as coaches. "The coaches showed us how to become leaders and how to help others," said Forbes, whose busy Grade 10 year playing sports at Port High included ball hockey, basketball, track and field, soccer and volleyball.

Four students received awards as Sports Person of the Year: Jamie Chase, senior male; Chris Johnson; Keaton Spratt, senior female; and Kyle Witmaier, junior male.

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■ **HUMBERSTONE HALL:** Chamber of commerce's updated digs unveiled

From cop station and jail to new visitors centre

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — It has served as chamber of commerce hall, town hall, police station and even a jail.

But last week, Humberstone Hall's past was put behind and its future as a gateway to the city was unveiled to the public.

Mayor Vance Badaway said seven months of extensive renovations, including the removal of a 1950s addition on the east side of the building and transformation of the former jail cell area around back, has made the hall a full-service centre for visitors and residents.

The hall, still home to Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce, is now the tourist information centre as well.

Badaway said visitors to Port Colborne can access the Internet via two computers inside the hall, at 76 Main St. W., and soon to be installed brochure racks will hold information on events and activities in Port Colborne and beyond.

"This hall has a welcoming design and will encourage tourists to spend more time in the city. This will help Port Colborne promote itself," he said.

Badaway said the hall's transformation is just the first step in the revitalization of Main St., the gateway to Port Colborne, from Hwy. 140 to Hwy. 58.

"I can't wipe the smile off of my face. The last year or so has been fantastic," said Gino Spada, chair of Port Colborne Gateway Association.

Spada said four years ago he could visualize what the

hall would look like once it underwent its renovations.

"This is the start of something special," he said.

Spada also thanked Ward 3 Coun. Gary Bruno for all of the work he put into the project over the years.

Though he couldn't be at the official opening of the hall, Bruno said what people saw was won out over numerous battles and design changes to the project of the addition, new furniture and lighting and new brochure racks.

"It wasn't easy to get where you see it today. I wanted to see it done right the first time and the results prove that was the way to go," Bruno said.

Badaway said the hall's new look was due to the efforts of a lot of people and government agencies, like FedDev Ontario which provided funding working together.

A lot of people stuck to

it and got the job done," he said.

During Thursday's ceremony, regional Coun. Bob Saracino brought greetings and a plaque from the upper-tier municipality and provided some history on the hall. Saracino said council meetings were held in the hall during his time as mayor and that it served as both an OPP detachment and was home to Humberstone Township Police.

"The hall has held a prominent role in the development of Port Colborne," he said.

Also on hand for the ceremony was a representative from Welland MP Malcolm Allen's office, members of Port Colborne Economic and Tourism Development Corp., chamber president Mike Sloat, and Port Colborne Couns. Kate Leigh, David Barrick, Ben Kenny and Frank Dissanayake.



Regional Coun. Bob Saracino hands a plaque to Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce office manager Edith Wagner and Port Colborne Economic and Tourism Development Corp. general manager Stephen Thompson at the grand reopening of Humberstone Hall last week.

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■ **SURPLUS:** Disposal could signal tourism opportunity

Port Colborne lighthouse for sale

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PORT COLBORNE — Mayor Vance Badawey had no idea the lighthouse and beacons on the breakwall off of Port Colborne had been declared surplus.

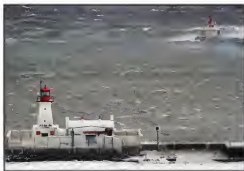
"We haven't been given formal notice the federal government declared them surplus," he said.

"It's unfortunate I had to find out about this through the newspaper. It would have been nice to get a heads up, but it's out there now," said Badawey.

The lighthouse at the Lake Erie entrance to the Welland Canal, and the two beacons on the breakwall, were declared surplus along with nearly 1,000 others across Canada.

Under the new Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act, any of the lighthouses can be transferred to new owners, such as cities or community groups. It's not clear what will happen to lighthouses that don't attract a new owner, but the Department of Fisheries and Oceans defines surplus lighthouses as those that could be replaced with a simpler, cheaper structures.

"We'll have to get more information from the feds to see what's happening," said the mayor.



File photo

This file photo shows Port Colborne's lighthouse, in front, and one of two beacons, in back, on the breakwall that have been declared surplus by the federal government.

He said the city will do its due diligence and see what its options are in relation to the lighthouse and beacons.

"We'll discuss the lighthouse and beacons and circulate information to all interested parties and come up with a plan of action."

While not wanting to lock the city into anything, Badawey said Port Colborne may be interested in purchasing the lighthouse and beacons on its own, or with private investors.

"There may be some partnerships we could get into to help facilitate purchasing them. I see all kinds of oppor-

tunities for the lighthouses, whether through tourism or recreation."

Whatever happens, the mayor wants to ensure the lighthouse and beacons continue to operate in the best interests of the community.

"They operate now for both commercial shipping and recreational boaters and we want to see that continue," said Badawey.

Officials with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard could not be reached for comment.

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■ WASTE AWARD



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St. John Bosco School students Katie Armstrong, William Gagnon and Austin Russell, in back, and Jade Biggar and Kara Wesny, in front, planted a tree at the school last week. The tree was an award from a recent trip to Camp Onondaga, a Tim Hortons camp. The students won the award for producing zero waste while at the camp.

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Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhart, left, accepts a \$505 cheque from Mike Sloat, while Port Colborne-Wainfleet Community Living executive director Vickie Moreland, right, accepts \$505 from Linda Sloat. The Sloats, owners of @27 Restaurant in Port Colborne, raised the money during a fundraiser staged at the Main St. restaurant's sixth anniversary celebration.

■ STORE OPENING



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Sears Port Colborne new location, at 183 Main St. East, opened recently. From left are owner Jerry Dalcourt, Regional Coun. Bob Saracino, Mayor Vance Badawey, Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat, owner Gord Dalcourt, and Sears district manager Perry Hinnegan.

■ SUPER YACHT SKELETON



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The salt water vessel Alexia passed through Port Colborne last week with three sections of what are a small part of a future a 210-foot (62 metre) mega sportyacht being built by Palmer Johnson Yachts, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. The company expects to see the completed mega sportyacht, being built for a repeat client, pass through the Welland Canal next summer. Below, a group of bikers watch and take photos as the Alexia passes the Jackknife Bridge in the Canal.



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■ **SAFETY:** Wainfleet Township event promotes safety

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Five-year-old Mitchell Timney sits behind the steering wheel of a fire truck during Wainfleet's safety day at the township arena Saturday. **ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo**



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Kyra Barrick watches as her brother Caden gets his face painted by Catherine Desy, a volunteer from Every Kid in Our Community, one of the exhibitors at Wainfleet's inaugural safety day at the township's arena, last Saturday.

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — The township's fire Chief Chris Cole didn't really know what to expect for a first-time event, last Saturday at Wainfleet Arena.

But he wasn't disappointed when dozens of children and

families arrived to participate in the inaugural Wainfleet Safety Day, and he wasn't surprised. It was so well supported.

"Wainfleet gets behind its own community. You can see that by the turnout," said Cole, who worked with Aid. Ron Kramer to organize the event.

Kramer agreed: "So far I like it. It's wonderful to see the support we've got from the citizens coming out from the whole area, and the local sponsors that we have. Without them, we couldn't do this."

The alderman said he's pretty confident the free event will help make a difference to the children and their parents who attended.

"That's why we do it — to help make a difference, and maybe to help save a life."

Although bicycle safety was a big part of the event, Kramer said there was more involved in it than just the bikes.

"We wanted to do a little more of just general safety, not just bicycle safety. We want to encompass as much as we can."

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■ SAFETY

Mayor hopes to see event grow in the future

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This year's event also included firefighters and paramedics talking about various safety issues. In years to come organizers would like to further expand the event to include more safety lessons, such as "farm safety, boating safety, whatever type of safety we can find we'd like to promote and put on display here."

It was also an opportunity for community groups to promote their services, like Every Kid in Our Community, and the Niagara Region's waste diversion program.

Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson hopes to see it get bigger in years to come.

"I can just see once word-of-mouth gets out there what a fabulous event it's going to be next year," she said.

Consts. John DiMartile and Derrick Wells from the Niagara Regional Police

were at the event, helping to ensure that the bicycles the children were riding were safe to be on, and that the children knew how to safely operate them.

But besides looking for rusty chains and loose bolts on the dozens of cycles that children brought to the arena, DiMartile said it was also an opportunity to let children know that police officers are the good guys and gals.

"If you get a couple kids to enjoy our company, when they get older, hopefully they'll continue to enjoy our company," he said.

He hoped to leave the children with a positive memory of dealing with police officers.

"If we can make them look at us and say, 'Hey, this person's not bad, I'm hoping that will carry through for the rest of their lives.'"

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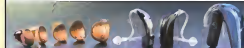
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■ **FIRE:** Damage could have been worse, prevention officer says



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In the left picture, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Capt. Joe Henry, left, keeps a hand on a fellow firefighter as he cuts open the roof at 148 Killaly St. East last week. A fire at the building caused \$60,000 damage says fire prevention officer Mike Bendia. At right, water comes out through a window and drenches a Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services truck at the scene of the fire.

Passerby calls 911 at sight of smoke

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A Killaly St. E. fire could have been much worse for firefighters if a passerby hadn't noticed smoke and called 911, says Port Colborne Fire

and Emergency Service's fire prevention officer.

Mike Bendia said firefighters were called to 148 Killaly St. E. shortly after noon last Thursday.

Heavy smoke was seen coming from the building

when firefighters arrived.

Bendia said the building, on the northeast corner at Humboldt Pkwy., was unoccupied and being used for storage by its owner.

"There was a lot of stuff in there," he said.

He said the fireload — the amount of material that could potentially burn — was very high and a quick knockdown by firefighters and the call to 911 prevented a much larger fire.

Twenty-five professional

and volunteer firefighters spent three hours on scene and had to break open a front window and cut into the roof to gain access to part of the fire.

Niagara Regional Police and Niagara EMS paramedics

were also on scene.

Bendia pegged damage at \$60,000 and said the fire appears to have been electrical in nature.

An investigation into the fire is still being carried out, Bendia added.

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■ **PORT COLBORNE FIRE:** Vale Inco strikers alert residents of early-morning fire

Fire comes out of the windows on the second floor of 71 Nickel St. early last Sunday. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Chief Tom Cartwright said working smoke alarms helped save seven people from possible injury or death.

Fire leaves 7 homeless

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE

— Working smoke alarms at 71 Nickel St. helped save the lives of occupants in three apartments, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Chief Tom Cartwright said.

"If it hadn't been for the smoke alarms on the second floor we could have had major injuries or fatalities. This is a perfect example of how working smoke alarms on all levels save lives," Cartwright said.

Twenty-five professional and volunteer firefighters were called to the building, a former store on the southeast corner of Nickel and Mitchell Sts., at 5:53 a.m. last Sunday and spent a little more than two hours on scene in a fire which left seven homeless.

When firefighters arrived, heavy flames and smoke were pouring out of the structure and all of the occupants were outside of the building.

Cartwright said in addition to the smoke alarms, passing strikers from Vale Inco alerted first-floor residents to the fire.

"The smoke alarms on the first floor never went off because there was no smoke down there," the chief said.

Randy Neprly was heading to the picket line at Vale Inco, two blocks up the street from the fire, when he saw heavy smoke.

At first he thought it was from the picket line, where workers have a fire pit, but once he got closer he realized it was from the apartment building.

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■ FIRE

Four cats killed in Nickel St. blaze

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Nepriy said the people from upstairs and one person from the first floor were out of the building. Nepriy and fellow striker Mark Colletti started yelling for the people on the first floor.

The landlord, who was in the back apartment, was also yelling, he said.

"I picked up a chunk of asphalt and threw it through a window," Nepriy said of his and Colletti's efforts to alert those still inside the building.

Their efforts paid off and four people, including two children, came out of the home.

"We thought about going inside, but stuff was starting to fall off the front of the building," Nepriy said.

Cartwright said there were two people in the upstairs

"It looks like it was careless use of cooking materials.... We have a number of these every years, where grease causes a kitchen or building fire."

Tom Cartwright, Port Colborne fire chief

apartment, one person in a first floor apartment at the back of the building and four in the first-floor front apartment.

The fire started on the second floor of the building, the chief said.

"It looks like it was the careless use of cooking materials. A person decided to cook some french fries and left them unattended and the grease boiled over and started the fire."

"We have a number of these every year where grease causes a kitchen or building fire."

Damage to the building

was pegged at \$150,000 and \$50,000 in contents were lost inside. The chief said the building was insured, but the tenants were not.

Four cats died during the early morning fire and Lyndie Ramsey, co-ordinator of the Red Cross' Disaster Management Program confirmed they were called in to provide assistance to four people. As of Monday, all victims were staying with family or friends.

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Water hits the second floor of 71 Nickel St. early last Sunday morning. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Chief Tom Cartwright said working smoke alarms helped save seven people from possible injury or death after a fire broke out on the second floor.

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■ **FIRE:** No one hurt in Pleasant Beach Rd. fire

Marijuana grow operation found at blaze: chief



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Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters pour water on a home at 474 Pleasant Beach Rd. as they fought a fire there Monday morning.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighter uses a chainsaw to remove a railing from a home on Pleasant Beach Road while fighting a fire there Monday morning.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters pull the siding off of a home at 474 Pleasant Beach Rd. to get at a fire on Monday morning.

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE

—Niagara Regional Police, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services and Ontario Fire Marshall's Office are investigating an early Monday morning blaze on Pleasant Beach Rd.

Fire Chief Tom Cartwright said the exact cause of the fire isn't known, but could be related to a marijuana grow operation found inside the home by firefighters.

"That's yet to be determined though."

Police would not confirm if there was grow-op in the home at 474 Pleasant Beach Rd., citing an ongoing investigation, but Cartwright said firefighters found marijuana plants inside when they went in to fight the fire.

Fires inside marijuana grow-ops can be dangerous for firefighters and emergency personnel, the chief said. In addition to improper wiring and connections, some grow-ops

are hooby-trapped. In this case though, there were no hooby-traps.

"These are crimes scenes and our guys are needlessly put at risk."

Cartwright said no one was home at the time of the fire, which was fought by 25 professional and volunteer firefighters from Port Colborne. The fire call went out just before 7:30 a.m.

In addition to their own tanker, Port firefighters were assisted by two tankers from Port Erie fire department.

All three tankers made runs up Hwy. 3 to a hydrant at Hasselman Landscaping and Garden Centre, near Gorham Rd., to get water.

"We never ran out of water at any time," said Cartwright, adding firefighters were on scene for just over three-and-a-half hours.

Firefighters and tankers were called back out to the scene shortly after 3 p.m. as the fire flared back up in the home.

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